





## Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.  
GRAND CHRISTMAS Pantomime.  
**ALI BABA,**  
AND THE  
**FORTY THIEVES.**

THIS EVENING.

DANCE OF PERFORMANCES.

EVENING.

6th and 8th January, 1890.

Evening Performances to commence at 9 p.m.

Reserved Seats, 2s. 6d.

Unreserved Seats, 1s. 6d.

After 10 p.m. each Evening, Admission 1s.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs LANE, Crawford &amp; Co.'s, or at the Doors.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 2292

## Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Frucht*, Capt. E. H. H. having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their goods from the Godowns.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong &amp; Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd. and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, stained, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th inst. at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 2, 1890. 20

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Onyx* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 8th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, stained, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th inst. at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 8th inst. will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to this contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBURG &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 2, 1890. 12

STEAMSHIP CALEDONIAN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex Steamship *Deux*, from Havre ex Steamship *Deux*, and from Bordeaux ex Steamship *Deux*, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Valuable Goods, are being landed at their risk at the Company's Godowns, Bowring, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to this contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-morrow (Friday), or they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, January 2, 1890. 21

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

From Singapore ex *Onyx*.E A 37 Caste TILES, transhipped Cargo, from Barcelona ex *Y. de Loyola*.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2465

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour.

GROSVENT, American barque, Captain Francis Curran—Glasgow &amp; Co.

GRAN ADMIRAL, American ship, Captain James F. Kivell—Melchers &amp; Co.

LITTLE BAZAR, American barque, Capt. Jas. W. Garty—Mater.

NEMES M. S. S. S. American barque, Capt. J. C. Texeira—Captain.

SAR MINDER, British barque, Capt. D. Gowan—Captain.

## Business Notices.

## HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(LATE THE HALL &amp; HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED)

## GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

## MONDAY NEXT,

the 13th Instant.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Yangtze*, Capt. C. T. TOWNSHIP, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 27

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE AND BANGKOK.

The Company's Steamship *Chow Fa*, Capt. F. W. PHILLIPS, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 8th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 35

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co's Steamship *Hailong*, Capt. Anderson, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 8th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARSEN &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 31

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co's Steamship *Achilles*, Capt. Anderson, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 8th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 36

VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS

The teaching staff in the Boys' Department has been increased by the arrival of Mr. ARTHUR A. WATTS, C.M., of Clontarf Training College, Dublin.

Miss S. F. TAYLOR, C.M., has been engaged to Superintend the Girls' Department, which will, in future, be carried on in a separate building at 21, Elgin Street.

In addition to the ordinary English subjects, there will be classes for French, Latin, Chinese, Drawing and Singing.

Pupils enrolled on MONDAY and TUESDAY, from 9 to 11 A.M.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 39

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(LATE THE HALL &amp; HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

As sufficient Shares have been applied for to float the above Company, the business will be taken over (in accordance with the Prospectus) from this date—but in deference to numerous requests from intending Subscribers the Share List will be kept open until the 31st Instant.

January 1st, 1890.

REFERRING to the above notice we beg to announce that a

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

WILL BEGIN ON

MONDAY NEXT.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1890. 19

AUSTRORHUMANIAN-LOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEIDA, ADEN, MBABAY, COLOMBO, PENANG &amp; SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the Company's Steamships from BOMBAY, are hereby informed that their Goods, are now being landed at their risk into the Hongkong &amp; Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—From Calcutta and Madras or S.S. *Nipote*, transhipped at COLOMBO. From Trieste, &c., or S.S. *Thide* and S.S. *Imperatrice*, transhipped at BOMBAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned, before Noon on the 14th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSON, Sons &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 41

## To-day's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 625.

AN Emergency MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREE-MASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 9th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 38

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS, EMBROIDERIES, CURIOS, &amp;c.

The Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 11th January, 1890, commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp,—

THE REMAINING PORTION OF A FINE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND CURIOS, &amp;c., comprising—

Old Blue and White and Five-colored Porcelains, Jars, Vases, Plates, Basins of the OLD DYNASTIES, from the MING DOWNWARDS, IMPERIAL PORCELAIN, OLD PEKIN, ENAMELS, BRONZES, LAQUE, SNUFF-BOTTLES, HAWKINS BLU, &amp;c.

A VERY FINE BLUE and FIVE-COLORED KANGHI SORREN.

A VERY FINE LOT OF OLD SILK EMBROIDERIES.

And A QUANTITY OF OTHER CURIOS.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on Friday next.

Terms of Sale.—As customary.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 40

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

FROM JANUARY 1st we shall supply SODA and AERATED WATER in extra large size bottles only, unless the ordinary bottle is specially ordered by our customers. This 'Bombay' size is the largest Aerated Water bottle made, and gives a great advantage to the consumer.

The quality will be maintained as usual, equal to anything turned out in the East.

Price, Cents 50 per dozen.

SYRUPED WATERS WILL BE SUPPLIED In Ordinary Size Bottles as before.

Telephone No. 60.

Nos. 22 &amp; 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. 2456

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 4, 1890.—

*Phra Chom Kiao*, British steamer, 1,011, W. H. Watson, Bangkok Dec. 26, General.

YUEN FAT HONG.

January 5.—

*Yika*, German gunboat, 340, Lieut. Com. Archer, Swatow January 4.*Falkenberg*, German str., 988, Bartels, Saigon December 29, General.—Mitsubishi & Co.*Actis*, Danish steamer, 355, N. C. Revsbeck, Hoihow January 6, General.—Arnold, KARBURG & Co.

January 6.—

*Fushin*, Chinese steamer, 1,504, A. Croad, Shanghai January 3, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.*Meefoo*, Chinese steamer, 1,234, Lunz, Shanghai January 1, and Amoy 5, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.*Yongtsi*, French steamer, 1,912, Flandin, Shanghai January 4, Mails and General.—Messageries MARITIMES.*Benarue*, British steamer, 1,448, Thomson, Kobe Dec. 31, and Calcutta and General.—Gibbs, LIVINGSTON & Co.*Melbourne*, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 1,643, Eugenio Perini, Bombay December 14, and Singapore 30, General.—David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

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THE Agents of the Canadian Pacific S. S. Co. inform us that the s.s. *Abegweit*, has arrived at Yokohama and leaves to-morrow for Kobe, Nagasaki and Hongkong.

MAJOR-GENERAL Edwards has begun an inspection of the whole of the troops in Hongkong. The Engineers were inspected on the Parade Ground on Saturday; this morning the Artillery had their turn, and that of the Highlanders will come round on Tuesday, the 14th inst.

The Fire Brigade turned out shortly after six o'clock this evening in response to an alarm of fire from the Victoria district. The fire, however, was not required, the fire, which was a very small one, in a house in High Street, having been got out before they arrived at the place.

A report was made here yesterday that a junk of 600 people capacity had capsized about 15 miles south-east of Aberdeen and that several of the crew had been drowned. Three men who were on deck when the casualty occurred got off in a small boat, but the others, who were asleep below, were drowned.

THE V. S. Consul, Hon. Charles Seymour, gave a dinner on Friday to a number of Americans at Canton, some of whom have recently arrived as missionaries. The floral and musical decorations were tasteful, and not the least of the enjoyable things was the Star Spangled Banner, rendered by the smooth baritone voice of the genial Consul and jubilantly received.

THE Band of the A. and S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers Mess to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 p.m.

Overture... "La Fidéle" Adm.  
Valse... "Carnegie" Gung.  
Selection... "Les Cloches" Pianissimo.  
Air... "Les Etoiles" Eton.  
Selection... "Reminiscences" Winter.  
Selection... "Les Etoiles" Eton.

An unusually large grass fire occurred on the hills near Repulse Bay yesterday. The fire was observed here as early as four o'clock in the afternoon, and was seen to spread rapidly, driven by the brisk breeze, until it covered a wide area. It continued to burn with undiminished fierceness throughout the night. Late in the evening Sergeant Baker, in charge of the Police at Stanley, telegraphed to the City for a squad of men to be despatched to the fire as quickly as possible. Inspector Gould also went from Aberdeen with a number of men to give aid. It was not, however, until shortly before daylight this morning that the fire was stopped.

A CORRESPONDENT in Canton sends us the following notes:—

The first moments of the first day of the decade of the vernal century found all Shanghai at a halt given by our urban Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Woodruff, who made everybody happy on the occasion. A few days before Governor General Li Hsu Chang made his official call, and on Friday he made his first inspection of the mint. What he thought or said about that business is a matter of conjecture. Experience has shown that in the matter of copper cash a mistake was committed. They caused much inconvenience in that they are subdivisions of taels instead of dollars. In the future they will be decimals of the dollar. Mr. Howard left to-day (Saturday), having completed his course of study of the consular posts.

Mr. Robinson was occupied at the Magistrate's from 10.30 a.m. till 3.30 p.m. on Saturday inquiring into the circumstances connected with the fire which occurred in the Sun Loong silk and piece goods shop, No. 17 Bonham Street, on the 29th ult. A large number of witnesses were examined as to the origin of the fire, and in every case it was stated that it broke out in a casket where some firewood was stored. It was stated that there was nobody in the casket at the time and that there had been nobody there at any time during the previous day. His Worship at the close of the inquiry said he had been unable to ascertain anything as to the origin of the fire, and the only thing he could do was to order the release of the premises. The ship was insured with the Northern Assurance Co. (Messrs. Hewitt and Co., agents) for \$20,000.

THREE Chinese dwelling houses in Upper Station Street, Taipingshan, were destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. A boy had been playing with matches in a casket on the first floor of one of the houses (No. 7), and set fire to a bed-quilt. The casual panic caused, and in a few minutes the flames, having got hold of the light dry woodwork of the partitions, mounted to the roof and quickly spread to two adjoining houses, which with the No. 7 formed a block of three-story tenements. All three houses were on fire before the Government Brigade could bring water to bear on them, and about all that could be done was to get the flames from spreading to the street, which they threatened to do for some time. A good supply of water was got to begin with from the street main, and this was afterwards supplemented by water from the harbor. But there was considerable difficulty in getting water up the hill. Although the buildings were densely populated, there fortunately appears to have been no loss of life.

AUTOMATON banking (according to the *Courier Journal*) is the latest novelty of the toy inventor. The automaton business, Mr. John Hope, mechanical engineer, Water Street, Liverpool, has invented an automatic machine of a wonderfully ingenious kind. This automaton receives cash, places it to the depositor's credit, and gives a receipt for the amount thus lodged. The transaction seems to be carried out with the greatest precision and correctness, the precautions against fraud being very complete.

In a short review of the past year, the *N. C. Daily News* says:—The proposer on Saturday last of the toast of the prosperity of Shanghai, and the Chairman of the Municipal Council who replied to it, had little difficulty in securing the assent of their auditors to the assurance that Shanghai is both prosperous and progressive. The building that is going on all round of foreign houses in Hongkong and on the Bund all three continents, who are one indication; the Municipal accounts that will shortly be published will show, we understand, an improvement in the total receipts over the estimate of some twenty-five thousand taels or about six hundred thousand dollars. There is a general advance in the stocks of local companies, though there are exceptions, where the fall is due to special causes; and the new companies that have been started during the year, are most of them quoted at a premium.

THE *Chinese Times* of the 14th ult. says:—Residents of Tientsin may have observed an unusual activity among the troops lately; the artillery practice during the past ten days must at any rate have attracted the attention of all. Much powder, whether "brown" or black, has been burned, and all, it appears, for the entertainment of a distinguished visitor, the Viceroy of the Province, who for no doubt sufficient reason, has taken Tientsin on his way to the capital, where he is to pay his homage to the Emperor. This man is one of the great fighting heroes of Tibet, and he has been regaling H. B. the Viceroy with his stories of his conquests of his countrymen's prowess. He has been in twenty-four engagements with the British Indian troops, he says, in four only of which he claims to have been successful. He gives a deplorable account of the armament of the Tibetans, and earnestly desires to be furnished with better weapons than they now possess. The Viceroy has taken a kindly interest in this representative of the Buddhist Church militant, and ordered a parade of all his troops to show the Tibetan prince that his good arms are not to be despised. His mission to Peking will be watched with some interest by more than one of the foreign legations there.

THE *Shih Pao* writes:—Our correspondent from Peking, who is connected with one of the Borgia and whose information is thoroughly trustworthy, sends us the following interesting tidings. E. H. Hwang, who is exhorting himself, in conjunction with His Highness the Seventh Prince, to represent to the Throne the desirability and necessity of introducing a new system of silver coinage such as that already existing in the Empire. It is understood that the matter has not been definitely memorialized, as H. E. the Viceroy desires to have the way paved before him in order to frustrate the too probable opposition of his enemies and other obstructionists in trade. Why should not our Government coin our dollars instead of allowing an extraneous currency to circulate in our midst? Moreover, the present system of cash tickets, whereby every irreparable bank cash is permitted to circulate, is not only a source of loss, but a source of fraud, giving the evil coin only removed by the Government introducing a national currency and reserving to itself the right of issuing notes as legal tender. We await anxiously the development of His Excellency's proposals.

THE *Hu Pao*, in a series of articles on a financial matter, has recommended for the Chinese, makes the following suggestions: (1) Improved system of technical education. (2) Increased import duties. Foreign piece goods form a principal part of the imports, and Cotton damasks, the most heavily taxed, only pay 2 mace (one fifth of a tael) per piece to the Chinese revenue; cotton, dyed, figured and plain, only one mace and a half, fancy white broadsides and white spotted shirtings only two mace, other kinds still less, some as little as four candareens per piece, which is nothing like an import duty of 5 per cent, *ad valorem*. Compare these with the duties levied at the Saigon Customs House, amounting sometimes to 40 per cent *ad valorem*. There is a piece of cotton worth \$1.15 pays 45 cents per piece; a piece of white shirting worth \$3.60 pays \$1.30. A shipment of piece goods from Singapore worth \$2,400 was recently mulcted \$900, or 37 1/2 per cent, on value, and the representations of the Singapore Customs to the Government have had no effect. In America import duties are several times per cent, 5 per cent, being there unknown. When the C.M.S.N. Co.'s steamer *Frederick* once made a voyage to an American port, the American customs charged her crew in excess of their own tariff, and we had nothing for it but to submit to this differential treatment. Now our tariff may be changed every ten years, but from the date of 1858 to now, over 30 years, this has never been done. The *Hu Pao* commends the present time to the authorities as a fit time for negotiating for a change, a third period of ten years having just expired. This will give assistance to the Shanghai Cloth Company, which has just signed its capital by the issue of several tens of thousands of taels of new shares, and a call of \$1.30 on old ones. (3) Establish hospitals for the cure of the opium habit, and we shall not be able to prevent this vile drug pouring in upon us from the coast, but there is a hand which can keep out the poison by the summary burning of opium at Canton, but the Kiangning Treaty made this of no avail, by not expressly prohibiting the import, which was subsequently formally legalized by the treaties of 1858. This we cannot do, but we can import every year, making a loss to China of an amount more than 30 millions of taels annually, although, under the new system of collection of duties simultaneously with import duty at the Imperial Maritime Customs, the loss to China may still be put down at 30 millions annually. An evil of such long standing cannot be cured on a sudden, but if by hospitals the people can be gradually cured of the habit, and at the same time growing opium in China itself be gradually stopped, we shall have such firm ground from which to make our demands on foreigners to cease the import, that we shall at last be listened to.—*N. C. Daily News*.

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A NORWEGIAN steamer has been chartered for six months for the Korean coasting trade.

THE *N. C. Daily News* hears that Mr. Robert G. Braden is going to Shanghai as Commissioner of Customs.

Kong has just decided to rebuild its Club-house, at an estimated total cost of \$33,000.

The Deutsch-Asiatische Bank, with a responsible capital of Tls. 5,000,000, opens with the new year in Shanghai, under the management of Mr. Ferdinand Kinkel.

The *Fukien* met the *McBeth* on Tuesday afternoon five miles south of Woosung, requiring assistance. The *McBeth* was still ashore on Thursday morning.

The *Shanghai Mercury* says that the share settlements for 31st December passed off satisfactorily in Shanghai, owing principally to the rise in Banks, which very much eased matters.

We hear that the dispatch vessel *Admiral* has been detained for the use of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught during their visit to Shanghai and Japan in the coming spring.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The following vessels of the Peiyang Squadron left Shanghai on the 2nd inst. for Hongkong: the *Chen Yuen*, and *Ting Yuen*, ironclads, the *Ching Yuen*, and *Ting Yuen*, King Yuen, and *Chih Yuen* cruisers.

A HANDSOME six-horse carriage, specially made for H. H. Prince Komatsu, recently arrived at Yokohama from England. Its cost is said to be \$16,000.—*Japan Gazette*.

THE *Japan Gazette* says that the steamer *Weymouth*, 1,100 tons register, Capt. Brotherton, changed her flag to Japanese on the 21st, having been purchased by Mr. Tanaka Heihachi for \$250,000 and named the *Sorachi Maru*.

We hear that in consequence of a row between the common of H.B.M.'s *Leander* and the French cruiser *Villars* on Christmas night in a grotto on the Yang-king-pang, the men of the British war-ship have been ordered to give French towns a wide berth, while those of the *Villars* are cautioned to keep out of the English Settlement.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

THE Vienna press is bestowing much attention on a pamphlet by a French officer, Captain Paul Morin, entitled "França et Russes vis-à-vis de la Triple Alliance." The author has sought to impress upon his countrymen the danger of the Franco-Russian alliance, and the Vienna press compliments him on his courage in proclaiming this unpalatable truth.

It is rumored that Yuan, on behalf of his government, has potentially agreed to the maintenance of the *Port of Canton* to Washington, for delivering credentials without intervention of the Chinese Ambassador. Corea hesitates lest she should pose as a vassal! It is said that Messrs. Dunne and Webster have advised the King to appear before the Powers and refuse China's demand.—*Chinese Times*.

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The following translation of a telegram from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Saigon to the French Consul in Hongkong concerning wreckage seen at sea by the Messageries Maritimes packet *Arctique* is published in Saturday's *Globe*:—"The *Arctique*, at sea on the 22nd December, in Lat. 22° 15' N., Long. 106° 03' E. (midway of Paitan) 3 miles N.E. of Cape Zaitun, met with a piece of wreckage, length and breadth each from 25 to 30 feet, consisting of part of the deck of a sailing vessel. It could be made out as the mast had been, and there was a hand which on one side, and compass-like object to the other. A violent gale prevailed between Hainan and the mainland on December 21st and 22nd. Could some European vessel have left Hongkong and been in the neighbourhood about on these days?"

SOME 60 members of the French Chamber of Deputies have decided to form a new party to be known as 'the business group,' the policy of which will be to avoid party politics and other controversial matters, and to study maritime, industrial, and commercial questions.

In the report of the administration of the Shan States during 1888-9, which has just been received in this country, Mr. Scott refers to the State of Tang Shan, which is one of the divisions of Mong-Lan, and lies east of the Salween. The chief refused Mr. Hildebrand's request to attend a durbar, on the ground that he had always been independent both of the Burmese and Chinese, and he proposed to remain in that position. There are not many Shan in the Tang State, the people being mostly Wa, with another race of Shan-Chinese living in the hills. The country is mountainous, with but few roads that are even bridle-roads. The people are disaffected to the British, they are possessed of arms with the bow and blow-pipe, and dispense almost wholly with clothing. They are said to be cannibals, especially in the more remote hills towards the Chinese frontier. It is asserted that they eat their parents and other relatives; they are possessed of a very high place in the estimation of the British Government on the account of their rebellion against the British, and even furnished them with the means of raising disturbances, and for this, as well as other reasons, the British Government has an understanding with these Wa chiefs.

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<i>Section.</i>	
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.	7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
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5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Endicott's Quay.	
6. From Endicott's Quay to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.	

Passes Name.	Number of Days.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers</b>								
chiv	2	Revsbeek	Dan. str.	355	Jan. 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
lmaon	3	Grier	Brit. str.	1719	Dec. 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
lwina	3	Banciken	Ger. str.	400	Jan. 4	Wieler & Co.		
shington	3	Zindel	Ger. str.	829	Dec. 6	Siemssen & Co.		
vochie	3	Rowin	Brit. str.	1039	Dec. 24	A. G. Morris		
stavia	3	Williamson	Brit. str.	1061	Dec. 27	Adamsen, Ball & Co.	Vancouver	9th inst.
ormula	3	Dunegrie	Italian str.	1499	Dec. 29	Carlowitz & Co.	Doumay, &c.	To-morrow
ambecia	3	Wiligoose	Brit. str.	1963	Dec. 30	Russell & Co.		
anton	3	Herg	Brit. str.	1111	Jan. 4	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
china	3	Brulan	Ger. str.	643	Dec. 31	Melchers & Co.		
luw-chow-foo	3	Wendat	Ger. str.	796	Jan. 4	Melchers & Co.		
low Fa	3	Phillips	Brit. str.	1053	Dec. 30	Yuen Tai Hong	Swatow & Bangkok	
hyang	3	Saner	Brit. str.	896	Jan. 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		

Alar	2	c	Christensen	Ger.	str.	674	Dec.	31	A. B. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	9th inst.
Andenberg	4	c	Barkels	Ger.	str.	988	Jan.	1	R. R. Marty	Haiphong	10-morrow
Antshure	5	c	Dorff	Brit.	str.	1080	Jan.	5	Melchers & Co.	Saigon	8th inst.
Bushun	3	b	Comad	DL	150	Jan.	2	Butterfield & Swire	Sandakan	8th inst.	

reilann	6	C. Murray	Brit.	str.	1410	Jan.	2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
ai-fong	6	E. Goddard	Brit.	str.	783	Jan.	4	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
phann	3	h Bing	Ger.	str.	358	Dec.	29	Wieler & Co.		
ung-pai	1	Clifford	Chi.	str.	602	Dec.	4	M. S. Co.		

pire Inferieure	4	c	Lohuede	Bra.	str.	1290	Dec.	5	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow
Leefoo	4	c	Lunt	Chi.	str.	583	Oct.	23	A. R. Marty	To-morrow
Michael Jeban	5	c	Mathieson	Ger.	str.	1329	Jan.	6	U. M. S. N. Co.	To-morrow
						710	Jan.	4	Lamke & Roze	To-morrow

antes Lo Havre	5 c	Judry	Fch.	str.	1182	Dec.	J. R. M. Matheson & Co.	Amoy & Manila		
hira Ohom Kiao	2 h	Watton	Brit.	str.	1012	Jan.	G. R. B. Martyn	Bangkok		To-morrow
hu Quooc		Valin	Fch.	str.	234	Jan.	Xuyen Fat Hong	Swatow, &c.		
lot Fish	1 h	Stonari.				Sept.	28 Chinese			K'loon Dock

Anglo	5	c	Flandin	Fren.	str.	1912	Jan.	26	Messageries Maritimes	Europe, &c.	8th inst.
Anglo	5	c	Tonningeen	Ger.	str.	1814	Dec.	20	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Anglo	5	c	McCaslin	Brit.	str.	678	Jan.	3	Russell & Co.	Amoy & Manila	
Anglo	5	c	Parsons	Brit.	str.	1840	Jan.	1	Adams & Co.		

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Chithrine	3	c Hansen	Dan.	bg.	250	Dec.	20	Classen & Co.
plouina	8	c Noyes	Amer.	hqs.	843	Dec.	9	Siemssen & Co.
conqueror	5	k Lothrop	Amer.	sh.	1547	Dec.	9	Captain
umbrian	5	c Wencott	Brit.	sh.	1057	June	16	Master

mpressa	5 c	Allan	Aust.	bqe.	236	Dec.	18	Siemens & Co.
borgiotta	3 k	Kasten	Amer.	bqe.	436	Jan.	2	Gilman & Co.
reat Admiral	5 c	Rowell	Amer.	ab.	1497	Nov.	30	Melchers & Co.
ans	5 c	Hansen	Ger.	sch.	120	Dec.	2	Melchers & Co.

oberg	9	French	Our	sq.	925	Dec.	12	Calowitz & Co.
abel	9	Treat	Amer.	sh.	1135	Dec.	22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
W. Geldmeister	3	Hegge	Norw.	bq.	1260	Dec.	14	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
	5	Meyer	Ger.	sh.	1008	Dec.	4	Order

lio Baker .....	8 v	Carty .....	Amer. tpe.	688	Dec. 22	Order
vede .....	8 v	Marisca .....	Italian tpe.	760	Dec. 21	Master
llie M. Slade .....	8 v	Teixeira .....	Am. batin.	535	Oct. 1	Order
aka .....	8 v	Lenox .....				

Mr. Brandt	9 c	Paine	Amer. sh.	1843	Dec.	22 Russell & Co.
Mr. Mendel	9 c	Gowar	Brit. bqs.	1018	Dec.	21 Captain
Mr. Tuma	8 c	Swenson	Brit. bqs.	364	Dec.	22 Master
State of Maine	8 h	Nickels	Amer. sh.	1467	Dec.	20 Gibbs, Richardson & Co.

Van	c	Root	Brit.	an.	1795	Oct.	27	Master
Locality	c	Boade	Amer.	bg.	278	Dec.	26	Captain
andering Jew	c	Martin	Brit.	bqa.	491	Dec.	9	Guineese
	c	Nichols	Amer.	an.	1850	Sept.	30	Carlowitz & Co.

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station

Name.	Rtg.	Tons.	Guns.	I. H. P.	Captain.	Where at.
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Merity	despatch-vessel	1700	4	8180	Com. R. Blair Macdonochie	
Coline	corvette	1400	—	—	Captain Wm. Wiseman, Bart.	Hongkong
Chakafo	combat and class	468	—	422		Hongkong

cruiser	2380	—	—	Captain Wm. H. Henderson	Singapore
Cruiser 3rd class	2380	10	2420	Captain H. T. Greenfield	Hongkong
g.-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	3	340		In reserve
gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Ident. Com. Rosendal V. Smith	H.

gunboat and class	480	1	100	Insut-Corn. Denison	Shanghai
cruiser	1420	—	—	Captain Robt. W. Craigie	On a cruise
twin-screw battle ship	8400	10	10000	Captain William H. May	Hongkong
cruiser 2nd class	4900	10	5500	Captain Burgess Watson	Nagasaki
under					

gunboat 2nd class	430	4	430	Lieut. Com. G. H. Yonge	Hongkong
sloop	1130	10	1120	Commander J. H. Martin	Hongkong
two-screw battle ship				Captain H. J. Carr	Kobe
2nd class armored	4870	4	4040		

ver	cruiser	—	—	—	Captain E. G. Reason	Hongkong
poise	cruiser	1730	6	3500	Commander R. W. White	Hongkong
abler	surveying vessel	830	3	680	Capt. The Hon. F. C. Verkerke	On a cruise
tlier	gunboat 1st class	715	6	1200	Lieut. John W. McLeod	

ton	torpedo	4000	—	—	Captain Hall	Yokohama
cent	torpedo mining launch	1500	—	—	—	Hongkong
ft	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	5	1010	Com. The Hon. Richard Bingham	Shanghai
	—	.95	—	—	—	In reserve

g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	3	—	In reserve
receiving ship	1	—	In reserve
sloop	4	750	Hongkong
coast defence	—	—	Yokohama

\* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, K.C.B., V.O., Commander-in-Chief.

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
out	Russian gunboat	800			Captain D.	

Grande Barroso	Brazilian cruiser	2000	—	—	Capt. Custodio José de Mello	Nagasaki
Don Juan	Spanish cruiser	1908	—	—	Capt. A. Soler	On a cruise
Albatros	French gunboat	470	4	450	Commander Malouet	Haiphong
Albatros	Russian cruiser	1100	—	—	Captain Mouchevoff	

German despatch vessel	—	—	—	Captain Bagard	Manila
German gunboat	489	—	—	Captain Ascher	Hongkong
Russian cruiser	1200	—	—	Captain Wulf	Singapore
French gunboat	485	4	425	Captain Nény	Tonkin

oazy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	1470	Lieut.-Com. Reisinger	Nagasaki
dj	Russian gunboat	455	7	60	Commander Molson	Yokohama
astink	Russian cruiser	1330	3	250	Captain Zarine	Corra
						Nagasaki

U. S. gunboat	420	6	500	Lieut.-Com. Craig	Negasaki
French gunboat	540	—	420	Lieut.-Commander Fourcst	On a cruise
Portuguese gunboat	540	—	—	Captain J. R. Santa Barbara	Macao
French transport	—	—	—	Captain Rozel	—

Russian cruiser	900	1	1000	Commander Subiriff	Corea
Russian gunboat	355	7	60	Commander Boyle	Japan
corvette	—	—	—	Commander John McGowan	Nagasaki
Portuguese gunboat	500	3	100	Lieut.-Com. C. R. Canfield	Wagao

sub-	Russian cruiser	380	12	1000	Captain Henry de la Tour	Haiphong
mk	Russian corvette	1330	—	—	Captain Lang	Nagasaki
re	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Mayet	Yokohama
ro	French gunboat	480	4	425	Commander Goudot	On a cruise

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